

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, The City of Austin is considering a revamped expedited permit review system that allows developers to pay premium fees in exchange for expedited permit review, and the Council may fund such a program in the 2016-2017 budget;

WHEREAS, if the City of Austin funds an expanded expedited permit review system, then such a voluntary program should be available to project developers that pay for the cost of the City service of expedited reviews and also provide specific community benefits; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to draft a policy option to be presented to Council that includes the minimum requirements for developers wishing to voluntarily participate in the City of Austin's expedited permit review process. City staff should consult with stakeholders in the development of the policy. Such a policy, when presented to Council, should include:

- For projects that are substantially residential in nature; the development must participate in the SMART housing program, and agree to require that future residents not be discriminated against based on their source of income;
- For projects that are largely not residential in nature; the development must be Better Builder certified, or receive an equivalent certification approved by the City Council;

- Applicants will pay a reasonable fee to reimburse the City for independent monitoring of the implementation of the Better Builder program and/or SMART housing goals.

ADOPTED: _____, 2016

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk

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